Prevent Outbreaks of COVID-19 from Spreading between Facilities
Update to York Region long-term care and retirement facilities as of April 9, 2020

COVID-19 can be particularly dangerous for vulnerable populations, including residents of Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes. It's critical that staff of these facilities take every precaution possible to limit the spread of COVID-19 to protect themselves and the people they care for.

> **When a facility declares a COVID-19 outbreak, individuals that work or volunteer there should only work in <u>one</u> facility.**

Many employees and volunteers work at more than one facility or for more than one long-term care/retirement organization. When a COVID-19 outbreak is declared at any facility, staff of that facility should limit themselves to working at one facility only. Doing so limits the possibility of spreading a COVID-19 infection from one facility to another.

Which facilities currently have COVID-19 outbreaks?

Visit york.ca/covid19 for current information on COVID-19 cases in York Region. Check the **Interactive Dashboard – Cases** section for a list of facilities currently under outbreak protocol for COVID-19. The interactive dashboard is updated every day at 5 p.m.

If you are a staff member or volunteer at a long-term care/retirement home:

If you work or volunteer at more than one location, stay informed on which facilities are currently affected by COVID-19. If a facility you attend is declared in COVID-19 outbreak limit yourself to working/volunteering in only one facility until the outbreak is declared over.

If you currently attend more than one facility, consider discussing this with your organization in advance.

We understand that this may cause additional financial hardship for those working in more than one location, but it is a necessary step to protect the members of these vulnerable communities.

If you are an employer of a long-term care/retirement home:

Discuss these restrictions with your staff and volunteers. Identify in advance which employees attend multiple facilities and/or organizations and document them in case an outbreak is declared. Stay informed on which facilities are currently affected by visiting york.ca/covid19 regularly.

For more information, call our dedicated health professional COVID-19 line at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 77280 (8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week, after hours call 905-953-6478). Continue to visit york.ca/healthprofessionals, york.ca/covid19 and Ontario.ca/covid19 for up to date information.